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**FAIRBANKS MAN INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY
FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF DRUGS AND FIREARMS**

Anchorage, Alaska – Acting United States Attorney Karen Loeffler announced today, July 10, 2008, that Joseph Martin Wubbold, of Fairbanks, Alaska, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Anchorage on six counts of violating various federal narcotics and firearms laws.

The nine-count indictment named Wubbold, age 30, as the sole defendant.

According to the indictment, during two nearly identical incidents, Wubbold was found to be in possession of multiple firearms and controlled substances. The defendant, having previously been convicted of a felony crime, is prohibited from possessing firearms. The Government filed three additional counts seeking criminal forfeiture of the firearms and any other assets which were illegally obtained using drug proceeds.

Special Assistant United States Attorney Kelly Cavanaugh, who presented the case to the grand jury, indicated that the law provides for a maximum total sentence of life in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed will be based upon the seriousness of the offenses and the prior criminal history of the defendant.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives in conjunction with the Fairbanks Police Department and Alaska State Troopers conducted the investigation leading to the indictment in this case. SAUSA Cavanaugh is an Assistant District Attorney assigned to the U.S. Attorney's Office to prosecute cases involving violent crimes and drugs.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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